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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
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November 18, 2003

Re: Petition For Rulemaking
Channel 246A, Canaseraga, NY

Dear FCC,

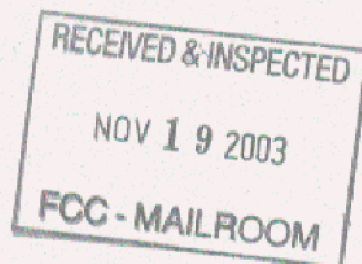
Please accept this original and three copies of this "Petition For Rulemaking". This is in response to the MM Docket No. 95-31, second report and order released on April 10, 2003. Paragraph 38 states that a reservation request accompanied with a complete technical preclusion showing may be submitted as an original petition for rulemaking. Family Life Ministries, Inc. is hereby petitioning the FCC to reserve Channel 246A, Canaseraga, NY, for noncommercial use. Family Life Ministries, Inc. believes it has demonstrated that all other reserved channels are technically precluded from use under the current FCC NCE guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

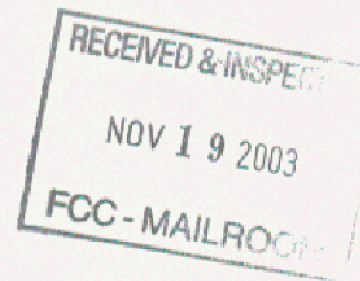
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Allocation 246A, Canaseraga, NY

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Petition for Rule Making

Family Life Ministries, Inc. is hereby petitioning the Federal Communications Committee to reserve Channel 246A, 97.1Mhz, in Canaseraga, NY, for noncommercial use. According to MM Docket No. 95-31, second report and order, Paragraph 1, opportunity has been given to make this request providing that the applicant can "demonstrate that they are technically precluded from using an already-reserved channel, and that they will provide needed NCE service in a given area".

According to paragraph 33 of MM Docket No. 95-31, second report and order, NCE service is not technically precluded if it is possible to specify a location at which same-class reserved band NCE facilities could be licensed to the proposed community in compliance with the NCE technical rules. A reservation proponent must satisfy two criteria: first, that class maximum facilities at the reference site would provide first or second NCE service to ten percent or more of the population in a station's service area; and second, that a same-class reserved band facility that would provide the requisite level of a new NCE service is – to a reasonable degree of certitude – technically precluded.

According to paragraph 35 of MM Docket No. 95-31, second report and order, a reservation request must include a technical preclusion showing. The showing will be based on a circle, centered in the proposed community of license and drawn with a radius one kilometer less than the distance to the predicted 60dbu strength signal of a maximum same-class facility. The reservation showing must establish that no rule-compliant facility can be authorized at maximum antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) and with maximum effective radiated power (ERP) on any reserved band channel at four equally-spaced locations on the circle, beginning with 0 degrees. In addition, the reservation showing must establish that no same-class rule-compliant facility can be authorized at minimum antenna HAAT and with minimum ERP on any reserved band channel at the city center coordinates for the community of license. If these two criteria are satisfied, the reservation proponent has presumptively established that the allotment should be reserved.

For reference purposes, 6kw at 100 meters HAAT was used at the 4 equally spaced points on the circle as well as at the reference coordinates. At the center of the city of license, 100 watts at 30 meters HAAT was used per CFR 73.211 which states that the minimum acceptable power for a class A facility is 100 watts and the minimum acceptable HAAT is 30 meters.

The attached exhibits show that there are no reserved channels available for use in Canaseraga, NY. A frequency search and interference study has been performed to evaluate the existing reserved channels, 201 through 220. The results shown in Exhibit 1 give reason why there is no opportunity to apply for an existing reserved channel. In keeping with the criteria established in paragraph 35, Exhibit 2 shows a circle centered in the city of license, Canaseraga, NY, with a radius of 27km (1km less than the maximum Class A facilities). Four equally spaced locations are marked on the circle beginning with 0 degrees. The coordinates for the 0 degree location are 42-42-18 North Latitude and 77-46-45 West Longitude. The coordinates for the 90 degree location are 42-28-30 North Latitude and 77-27-31 West Longitude. The coordinates for the 180 degree location are 42-13-53 North Latitude and 77-47-05 West Longitude. Coordinates for the 270 degree location are 42-28-15 North Latitude and 78-05-54 West Longitude. The center of city of license coordinates are 42-27-44 North Latitude and 77-46-35 West Longitude. Separate interference studies were performed at each of these 5 locations to determine if any already-reserved channel was available for use under the current NCE technical rules.

In keeping with Paragraph 33 of MM Docket No. 95-31, this petition must show that the allocation will provide a first or second noncommercial service to at least 10 percent of the population within the 1mv protected contour. Exhibit 3 shows the 1mv contour of allocation 246A in Canaseraga, NY, along with any existing noncommercial facilities service contours. As the exhibit shows, this allocation is partially served by existing noncommercial stations WCID, WSQA, and WJSL. The new first and second service area is also shown in this exhibit. A population study utilizing V-Soft ID Census software has determined that the population within the entire 1mv service area to be 58,982 people. Considering that 90 percent of the geographic area will receive a new first or second NCE service from this allocation, it can easily be determined that at least 10 percent of the population in the 1mv contour would receive first or second noncommercial service.

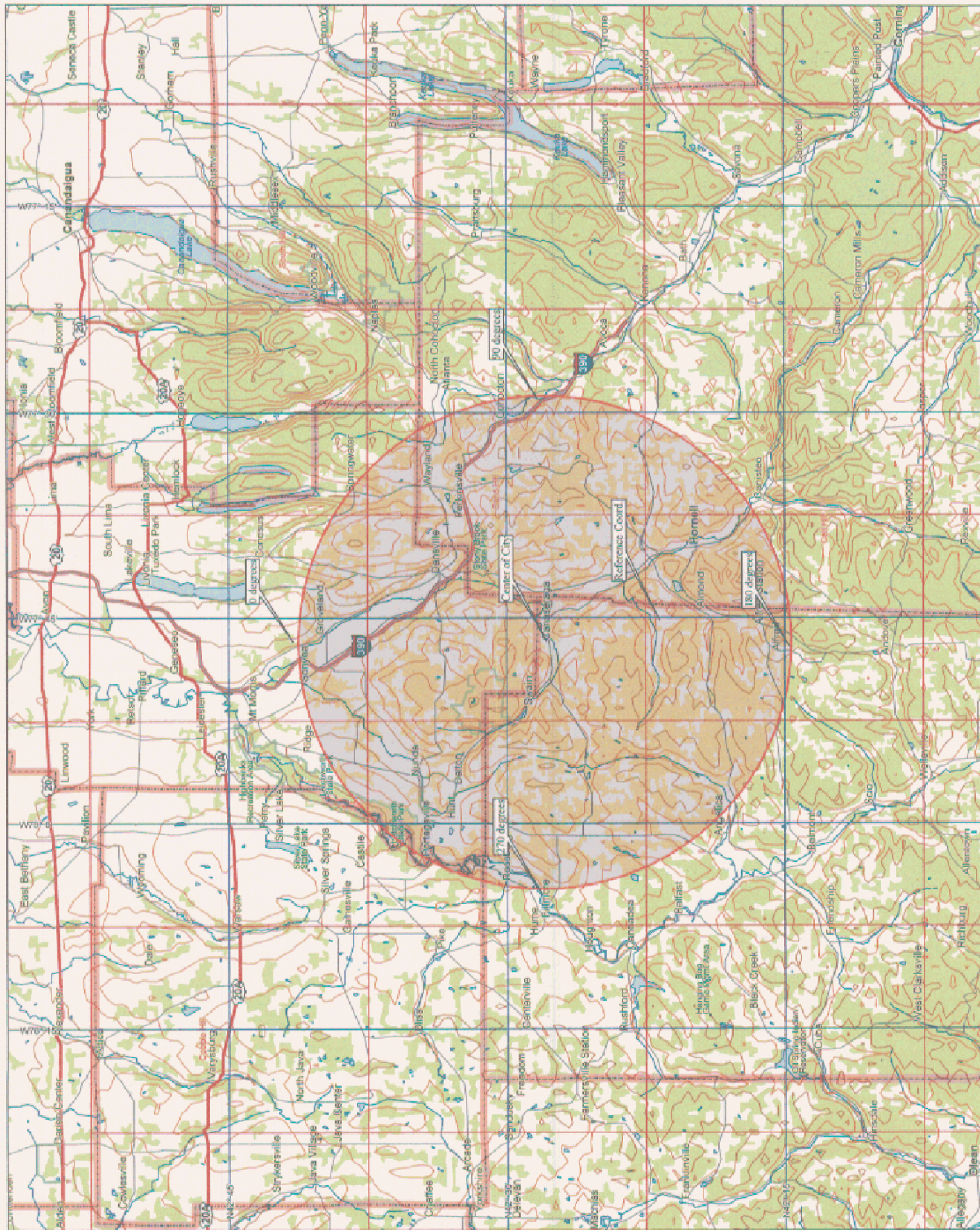
Due to the above mentioned reasons, Family Life Ministries, Inc. respectfully requests Channel 246A, Canaseraga, NY, be reserved as a noncommercial allocation.

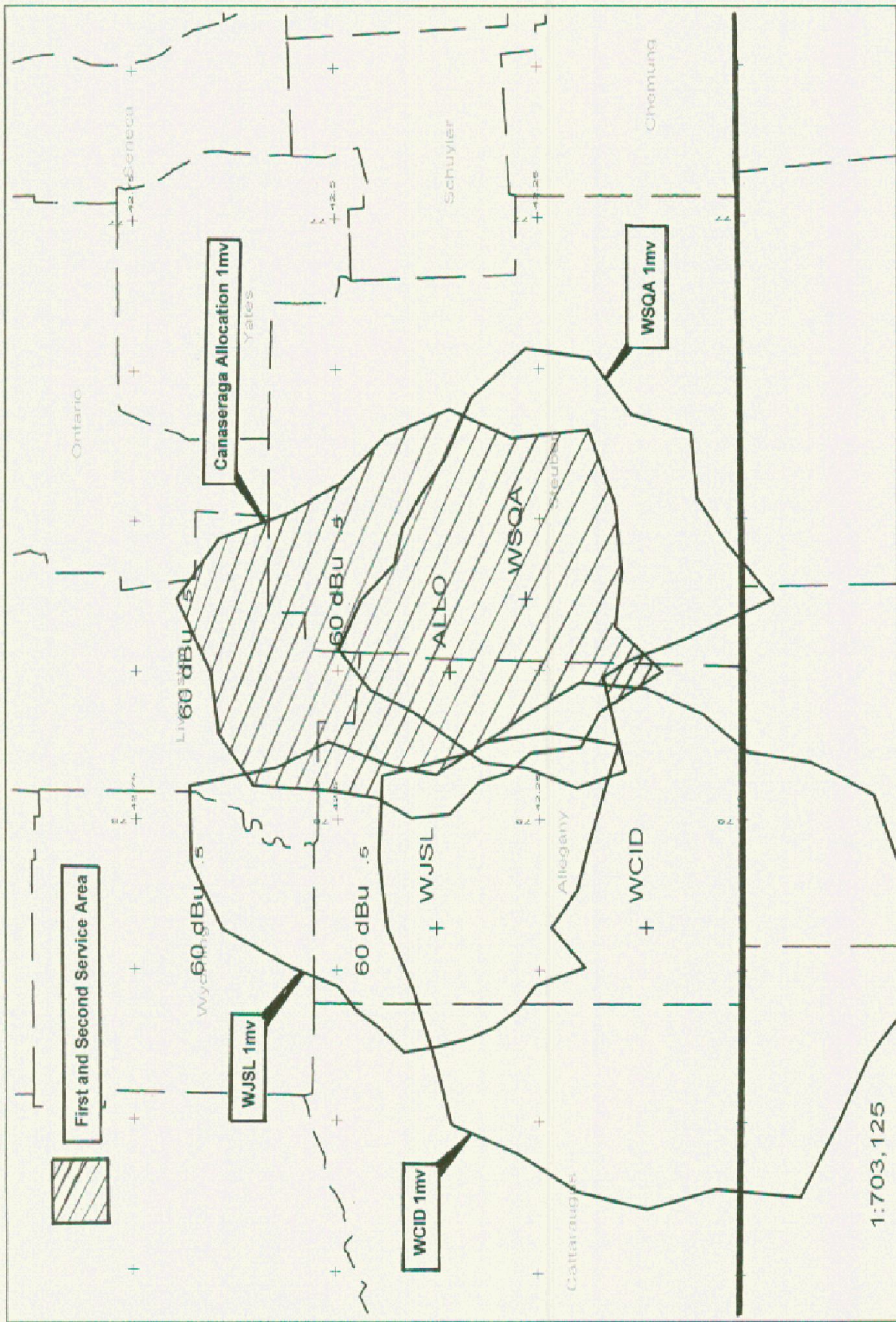
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**Exhibit 1 - Canaseraga, NY, Interference Results
Family Life Ministries, Inc.**

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Interfering Overlap With</u>
88.1	AP201 Houghton, NY
88.3	WSQA
88.5	WSQA
88.7	WSQA
88.9	WSQA
89.1	WCID
89.3	WGSU
89.5	WCOF.C
89.7	WALF
89.9	WFBF
90.1	WSQE
90.3	WJSL
90.5	WETD
90.7	WETD
90.9	WETD
91.1	WETD
91.3	WETD
91.5	WXXI
91.7	Welland, Ontario
91.9	WCKR





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